

City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes - Monday, November 17, 2014

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees

Commissioners: Claradell Shedd, Steve Wright, Barbara Jirsa, Priti Joshi, Ramu Iyer, Kelli Ron, Lin Garretson, Margaret Rosenow

Staff: Joe Guinasso, Director of Financial & Technology Services; Allison Gubata, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Chair Anne Schaefer

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Note Approval of October 20, 2014 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Budget and Financial Report YTD 2014

- 2013 Carry forward \$1,519
- 2013 4Culture Grant \$6,500
- 2014 Budget \$25,800
- 2014 4Culture Grant \$6,500

2014 TOTAL Budget \$ 40,319

2014 YTD Expenditures \$ 22,016.43

2014 YTD Available Funds \$18,302.57

Community Garden Gate – Commissioner Rosenow shared artist Garth Edwards’s examples of what the community garden gate would look like as well as a sample of the aluminum material to be used. Garth Edwards provided a picture of what the gate would look like in the garden for Commissioners to review. Height of main gate will be approximately 8’ high. Per Washington State Building Code, the space between each bar in the suggested design may not be more than 3.5” apart. The recommended aluminum material is essentially maintenance free. Construction is very simple, with a bar across the top and drilled out holes where the leaf stems slip in and a decorative leaf will rise above the bar.

The original budget for the main gate is \$3,500, which increased to \$7,500 in September 2014. Artist Garth Edwards would commission to provide a main 8’ gate at \$3,500; a side gate at \$2,250.00; and a back gate at \$2,250.00 for a total of \$8,000.00. The Arts Commission would like a budget of up to \$10,000 for all 3 gates allowing for time & materials if required. Commissioner Shedd offered to provide funding to make up the difference if there was a portion of the budget not approved for this project. The Arts Commission has been working collaboratively with the Parks Commission for approval and has asked if the Parks Department would have any budget funds to contribute to this project?

Action: *Director of Financial and Technology Services Guinasso will follow-up on the additional funding request and report back to the Arts Commission.*

Nest Building Project – No updates.

Holiday Production; “It’s a Wonderful Life” – Rehearsal starts on 11/18. Commissioner Wright has contacted a choreographer who is donating her time. Eastlake Performing Arts center has limited space; the set is going to be smaller than originally planned. A volunteer music conductor from Seattle’s 5th Ave theater is going to be conducting an 18-piece band. Commissioner Wright is anticipating a final budget of \$5,000.00. For future theater productions, the Commission may look into other venue options. There will be opportunities for volunteers to learn some technical training with lights, which will be customized for this venue. Free online tickets are offered through “Brown Paper Tickets”. During intermission, the Commission is considering offering free refreshments and having an un-wrapped gift donation basket for a charitable organization. Commissioners were asked to volunteer for welcoming guests and usher them to seats.

Open discussion – Commissioner Ron asked how the Commission could be more collaborative with the local schools for space to host Arts Commission sponsored events. Commissioner Ron will look into using school space for 2015 and beyond. Another recommendation was for Commissioner Wright to reach out to Skyline High School for expanding the Arts Commission theater program.

Adjourn 7:36 p.m.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, January 26 – 6:30 pm